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In re Application of:

Rei ASAKAI et al

Cont. No.: 4168

Appln. No.: 09/622,815

Group Art Unit: 1626

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Examiner: Wright, S.

For: CELL DEATH INHIBITOR

AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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K. Harmon
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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002, in the above-identified application, for which a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, along with payment of the appropriate fee, is attached, making response due on or before February 24, 2003 (February 22 and 23, being a Saturday and Sunday, respectively).

The Patent Office is authorized to charge any fees necessary for the continued pendency of the above-identified application to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Accordingly, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 40.